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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Mr. Todd Feathers
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RE: FOIA Request No. - 19-01285-F

Dear: Todd Feathers

This is in response to your letter dated April 12, 2019, requesting information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received in this office on April 16, 2019, and forwarded to the primary responsible office(s) for action.

You requested: Copies of all research papers, reports, assessments of efficacy, audits or comparable material prepared by Department of Education staff or sent to the department by other parties regarding the automated essay scoring engine — known as AutoScore — developed by the American Institutes for Research. This tool is currently used by New Hampshire, Ohio, Utah, and Arizona to score language arts essays on statewide assessments. More information about the tool can be found in the attached document.

Please refer to the FOIA tracking number to check the status of your FOIA request at the link provided below:

<https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>

For any future correspondence, status updates or questions regarding your request, please contact the FOIA Public Liaison via email to EDFOIAManager@ed.gov

Sincerely,

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